



# THE SLUGGER

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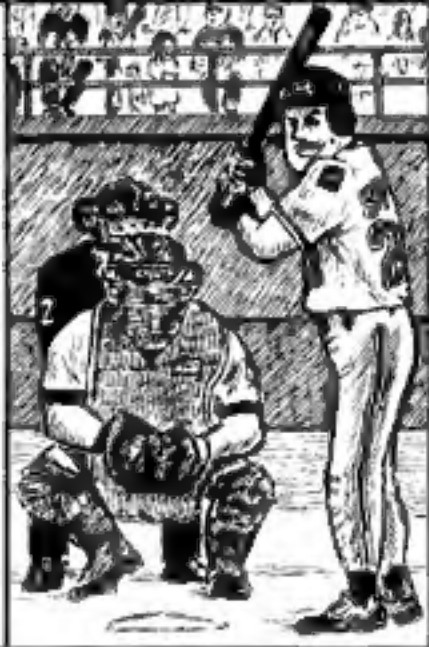
World Series. Game Seven

Two outs, bottom  
of the ninth...

The Hurricanes  
are behind 4 to 1.



With the  
bases  
loaded,  
*The  
Slugger,*  
Frank  
Stone,  
steps  
to the  
plate.



He hits it *DEEP* to center field.  
*It's going... going... GONE!*

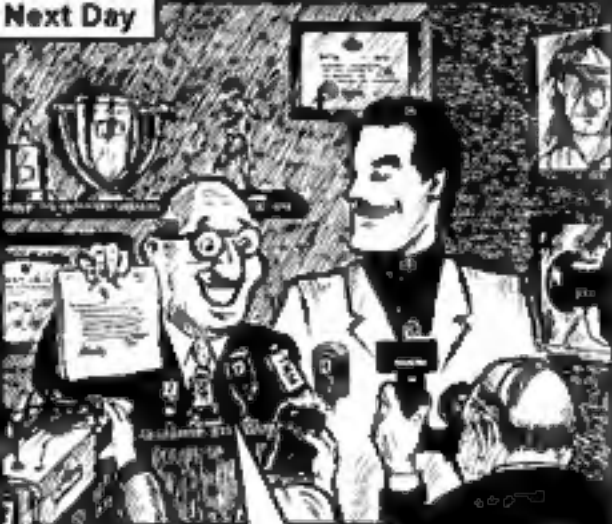


**The Hurricanes WIN the World Series!**

*But WAIT! Something's  
wrong with The Slugger!*



Next Day



We just signed a \$150 million contract with *The Slugger*.



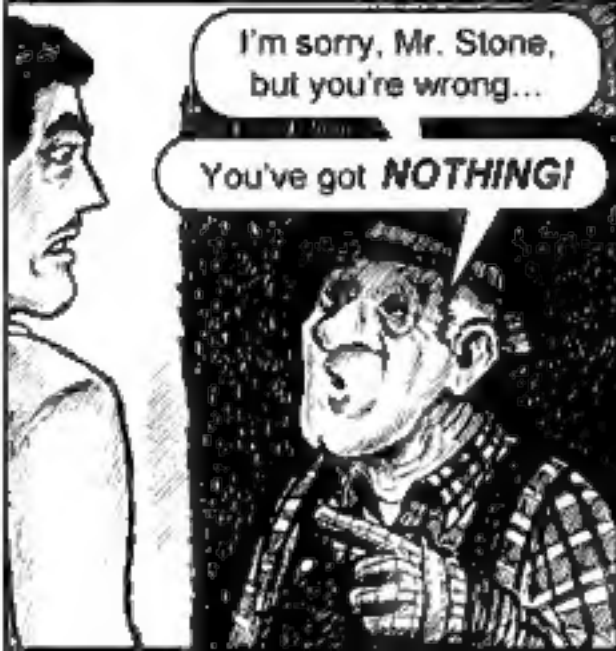
I also signed a \$50 million shoe deal.

# The Slugger's Mansion

Hey Oscar... look at my new contract. *Man, I've got it all!*

Mansions, cars, fame, power...

and **ANYTHING** else I want!



A black and white illustration of a man with a beard and a white shirt, shouting with his mouth wide open. His eyes are wide and his expression is one of intense shock or anger. A speech bubble above him contains the word "What?".


**What?**

A black and white illustration of a man wearing a hat and a patterned shirt, holding a bottle. He is speaking to another man whose back is to the viewer. A speech bubble above him contains the text "Someday, you'll die, then none of this will matter."

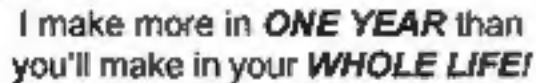
Someday, you'll die, then  
*none* of this will matter.

There's just *one thing* you truly  
need, and money *can't buy it*.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36



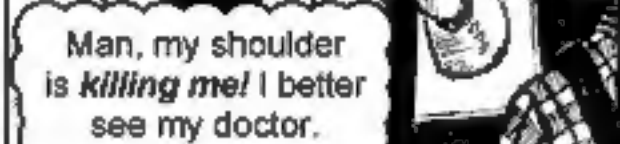
How **DARE** you talk  
to me that way.




I make more in **ONE YEAR** than  
you'll make in your **WHOLE LIFE!**



Now **SHUT UP...**



and get  
back to  
work!



Man, my shoulder  
is *killing me!* I better  
see my doctor.

Next Night



Slugger, I **LOVE** your new home. You're the **GREATEST!**



Don't forget your TV interview in the morning.

The limo will pick you up at 8.



Oscar should see how  
these people respect me.

I'm gonna  
go get him.

The Slugger opens Oscar's door.

GASP!

Lord Jesus, *please* do whatever it takes to show Mr. Stone that he is lost and needs to be saved.



How **DARE** you pray for me?

Don't **EVER** do that again!

Two weeks later

So, Doc What's wrong  
with my shoulder?



Please sit down, Frank. I've got some bad news.

You've got terminal cancer  
It has spread all through  
your shoulder and chest


I'm sorry Frank, but you've  
only got a few weeks left.

There's room at the cross for you



Oscar can I see  
you in my study?

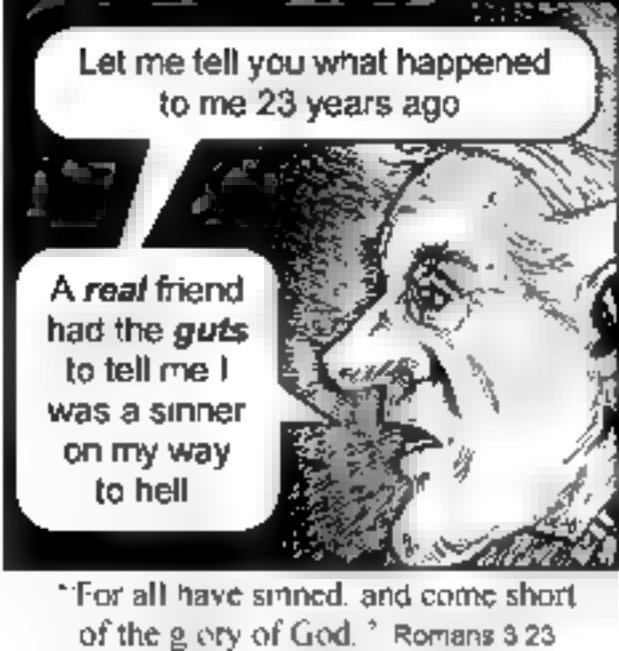
Yes Sir!



I just learned  
that I'm dying  
of cancer

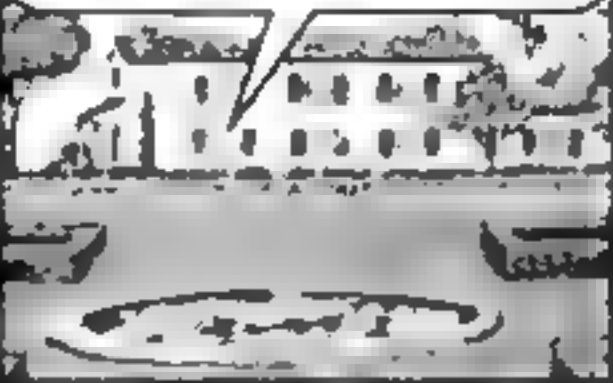
Oscar  
I'm scared!

Would you uh pray for me?



\*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.\* Romans 3:23

Then he told me the wonderful news that God loved me so much He sent His Son Jesus Christ from heaven to die for my sins



while we were yet sinners  
(Christ died for us) Romans 5:8

For God so loved  
the world (us)  
that he gave his  
only begotten  
Son (Jesus)  
that whosoever  
believeth in him  
should not perish  
(in hell) but have  
everlasting life (in  
heaven) John 3:16



the blood of Jesus (Christ (God's)  
Son) cleanseth us from all sin John 1:7

So I repented of my sins and  
received God's gift of eternal life  
by trusting Christ as my Saviour



And we never been  
the same since

What if I had never met you? How would I have  
known I had a God? How would I have known I  
had a Saviour?

You've got no guarantee  
of tomorrow Mr Stone



The time to  
trust Christ  
is **NOW.**

Then let's settle it  
right now Uncle

What if I had never met you? How would I have  
known I had a God? How would I have known I  
had a Saviour?



Lord Jesus I am a sinner  
I confess that I placed **ALL** my  
hope in my money and my ability



Please come into my heart and be  
my Saviour I put my trust in **YOU.**

Oscar I feel like a *huge weight*  
has been lifted off my shoulders



I'm **NOT AFRAID**  
to die anymore!

Jesus said: Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God John 3:3

A few weeks later, the Slugger dies

Is Frank Stone's name in the Book?



Welcome home  
my son!



'He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.' John 5:24

Back at the mansion

Dear friends, Frank requested that you all be here today for the reading of his will

He asked that I read this letter first



1

Dear friends, I asked you here so I could share what happened to me. I recently found out that I was about to face a holy God. I was a rich hotshot but I was on my way to hell and my money couldn't help me. Then Oscar Smiley showed me the only way out of this mess.

2

I asked Jesus Christ to come into my heart and save me. Because of that, I am now in heaven with Jesus. I wasted my life and I don't want you to make the same mistake. I have asked Oscar to explain to each of you what he showed me from the Bible.

Please listen to him and receive Christ as your own personal Saviour, so you can live a truly fulfilled life, then come be with me in heaven someday.



Regarding the disbursement of my assets, I leave my entire estate of \$145 million dollars to Oscar Smiley... because he's the only one who will use it wisely.



"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" 1 Tim. 6:17

Friend, here's what I leave to YOU...

## A gift **FAR** more valuable than money.

I leave you a truth that I learned from personal experience. Fame and money cannot buy eternal life. They can't buy forgiveness of sins, or peace and joy in your heart either. For those things, you must have Jesus Christ in your life.

My greatest wish is that you will trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour today. Nothing is more important than your relationship with Him.



## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at [www.chick.com](http://www.chick.com).

